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CANAL FOR SALE.

Panama Company Submits a Proposition to Washington.

ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS THE PRICE.

Secretary Hay Listens to His Talk, but Takes No Stock in His Arguments for His Scheme.

Washington.—Through its president, M. Hutin, the Panama Canal Company of France has made an astounding proposition to this Government to purchase its right in its canal project. The price, it is stated, is $100,000,000, half of the sum which the company has sunk in the ditch at Colon.

Hutin submitted strong arguments to show the advantage of the Panama canal route. He called attention to the fact that unless the United States bought out the Panama Canal Company that organization would continue its work of constructing the canal, and that in the event that two waterways existed neither would be a financial success. On the other hand, if only the Nicaragua canal or the Panama canal were in existence it would be a paying institution.

Furthermore, Hutin pointed out that considerable advance in the construction of the Panama canal had already been made, and that a great deal of money had been spent in building that portion of the waterway commencing at Colon. The advantages of the construction of the canal at Panama, he claimed, are much greater than is the case with the Nicaraguan route, and less money will have to be spent in completing the Panama canal than will be required in the construction of the entire Nicaraguan canal.

Secretary Hay listened patiently to the proposition of the French director, but gave him no encouragement. The authorities believe that the moment the construction of the Nicaraguan canal is begun the death knell of the Panama canal project will be sounded, and they appreciate that Frenchmen know this fact. It is expected that, failing to have the Panama project purchased by the United States, the French will organize a powerful lobby against the Nicaraguan canal measure, and will employ every effort to prevent action by Congress during the coming session.

As a result of the downfall of the Central American Republic, the authorities are satisfied that a great obstacle in the way of the construction of the Nicaraguan canal by the United States has been removed. It was due to pressure exerted upon Zelaya by those high in power in the Greater Republic that he attempted to complicate the situation, the new Greater Republic being desirous of giving a concession for the construction of the waterway to an English syndicate. It is now believed that Zelaya will be amenable to reason.

Hydraulic Mining in Alaska.

New York.—An Ottawa (Ont.) special to the Herald says: New regulations have been adopted for hydraulic mining in the Yukon. The areas are to be from one to five miles in length and will be granted only by public tender. Exception is made, however, in the case of parties from the Klondike who have already applied. They are treated as pioneers, and not only get their concession without competition or payment of bonus, but are exempted from dues. These dues are $150 a year per mile frontage and obligation to perform assessment work yearly to the value of $5000. On all commissions, however, the usual royalty will be collected on an output of over $25,000 a year. It is expected this royalty will be reduced to two per cent. Other conditions are that the applicant furnishes proof of having resided in the Yukon and file a certificate that he has examined the ground applied for, prospected it and ascertained that it is not suitable for mining by ordinary placer methods.

A number of Americans have qualified under the pioneer clause and will get their areas subject to special advantages. These properties will be developed by American capital.

THE WESTERN UNION WINS.

War Tax on Messages Must Be Paid by Senders.

New York.—The suit of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, in the United States District Court, to compel the Western Union Telegraph Company to affix and pay for the revenue stamps required by the war revenue law in telegraphic messages transmitted under its contract with the railway company, has been dismissed at the railway company's cost.

The contention of the railway company was that the service which the telegraph company agrees to give to the railway company is to be free of all charges. The telegraph company's answer was that it could have no responsibility for the taxes laid by the United States Government on telegraphic messages, and especially in view of the repeated rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that the law requires that the maker, signer or issuer," of telegraphic messages must affix an pay for the stamps.

Regulars for Manila.

Washington.—It is reported that the War Department is discussing a plan to immediately reinforce General Otis at Manila with six regiments of the regular artillery. Part of the plan is to withdraw a number of volunteer regiments at Manila just as soon as the situation will permit.

SCORES PEACE COMMISSION.

Ex-Minister Taylor Scathingly Arraigns This Country.

New York.—Hannis Taylor, late American Minister to Spain, publishes in the December number of the North American Review, a scathing criticism of the work of the American Peace Commission. Mr. Taylor contends that in the negotiations with Spain respecting Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, the members of the Commission should have been guided by the precedent established by this country in its dealing with Mexico after the victorious issue of the Mexican war. Then, he says, we refused, as Mexico lay helpless at our feet, to take from her a single square mile of territory by right of conquest. Our Commissioners were instructed to offer her eleven million dollars in cash and the assumption upon our part of more than 3,000,000 dollars, due from her to American citizens, as compensation for the area out of which has been carved California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

"And thus," says Mr. Taylor, was established a new principle of moral law, which stands alone, perhaps, in the annals of nations."

Mr. Taylor contends that now, when for the first time since the conquest of Mexico, we have another vanquished nation at our feet, we owe to Spain all the consideration and justice that can be due to the weak from the strong, especially as Spain has been an old and a good friend, with whom we had never before broken off diplomatic relations.

The arrangement which has been concluded by the American Commission, Mr. Taylor characterizes as a vast ravishment.

"We have refused arbitration. We have summarily demanded the surrender of the entire Philippines archipelago, and as a salve to Spain we have tendered $20,000,000," says Taylor.

"The war has cost us directly about $165,000,000, and as compensation for that outlay we have appropriated Porto Rico, which can hardly be valued at much less than double that amount. It is difficult to understand, therefore, why in dealing with Cuba and the Philippines we should have been unwilling to recognize those reasonable and natural equities which follow territory.

"In the case of the Philippines we have admitted that, so far as the debts of these islands represent expenditures for the improvement of the country, they must 'run with the land' and constitute a charge upon it. Upon what grounds have we rejected the application of that elementary principle of law and common honesty in the case of Cuba. The pretense that it cannot be here applied because we do not intend to accept sovereignty over Cuba will not avail, for as soon as Cuba is evacuated by the Spanish troops the United States will exercise a qualified sovereignty over the island and bring a military government there and rigidly enforce all laws for the purpose of collecting revenues, both external and internal, a condition which must exist until Congress orders otherwise. In the case of Cuba, as well as in that of the Philippines, the amount of pacific expenditures made by Spain for the permanent improvement of the island should have been recognized as a legal charge upon it."

American Duties in Cuba.

Havana.—A cable message received here by the principal tobacco and cigar exporting firms in Cuba announces, on the authority of Senor Louis Marx, special commoissioner of the Cuban tobacco manufacturers at Washington, that the United States Government will place a prohibitive import duty on leaf tobacco imported into the island of $5 per pound and of $4.50 plus 25 per cent on cigars. The export duties are to remain as heretofore, $6.30 per hundred kilos on leaf tobacco and $1.35 per thousand on cigars.

Although hopes had been entertained that export duties would be abolished entirely, the announcement that prohibitive duties will be placed on tobacco imported into the island has been received with jubilation by manufacturers and exporters as guaranteeing the survival and development of the tobacco industry in Cuba, which otherwise would have been threatened with extinction.

Plea For Alaska.

Washington.—The annual report of Governor Brady of Alaska, briefly summarized in Secretary Bliss' report, has been made public. It makes a strong plea for Congressional action on Alaska's need at the coming session, and begs Congress to treat Alaskans as American citizens, and not to classify them with Kanakas, Filipinos and Cubans. It points out that Alaska is thirteen times larger than Cuba, has been "in our possession thirty-one years, and its value has been unknown and unappreciated." The report deals at length with the liquor question. It is also recommended that the general land laws be extended to Alaska; that Alaska be given representation in Congress; that Japonsky island be made a naval station, and that cable communication be effected with the United States.

Cubans Legalize Dueling.

Havana.—The Executive Committee of the Cuban Assembly agreed at its last session to make it compulsory upon the part of any Cuban officer insulted by Spanish, American or other officers to challenge the person so insulting to fight a duel. The measure has two aims, according to Cubans, first "to maintain the dignity of the Cuban army," and, secondly, "to check the impudence and insolence of many so-called Cuban officers, who, without having ever put their courage to a test, having enlisted after the armistice, are swaggering about in Cuban uniforms endeavoring to offend Spanish officers."

FLOUR TRUST FORMED

Combination With Immense Capital at Last Made.

A HUNDRED MILLIONS INVOLVED.

The Deal Declared to Have Been Completed After Persistent and Long-Continued Efforts.

New York.—A gigantic flour trust has been formed to control nearly all the product in this country and also the supply of three-fourths of the world. The English stockholders in the big Pillsbury-Washburn Milling Company were reluctant at first to join, but were finally won over, and the flour trust became a certainty.

The trust will have approximately the enormous capital of $150,000,000. It will embrace all the principal mills of this country and will have a daily capacity of 95,000 barrels of flour, consuming in this manner about 50,000 bushels of wheat. The trust was formed by Thomas A. McIntyre, the promoter, who, after working for many months with untiring energy, accomplished his ambitious project. McIntyre for nearly a year tried to convince Richard Glynn, president of the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling Company of the feasibility of his scheme.

Glynn left London and came, at McIntyre's invitation, to this country last summer. Together they visited the principal mills. Glynn, however, could not see a large enough benefit in the combination to warrant its formation. Many conferences were held in this city, but they all ended in Glynn refusing to enter into the scheme. Mr. McIntyre, however, was not discouraged, and when the British millionaire sailed for England last October he accompanied him. On arriving in London he canvassed the principal stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburn Milling Company with such success that a special meeting was called. It was at this meeting that McIntyre finally convinced the stockholders and accomplished his purpose.

The following mills will form the trust: Hecker-Jones-Jewell, New York; Pillsbury-Washburn, Minneapolis; Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company, Minneapolis; Imperial Milling Company Duluth; Anchor Mills, Duluth; Daisy Mills, Duluth; William Lispman Mills, Superior; Freeman's Mills Superior; Mankota Mills, Superior; and Daisy Mills, Milwaukee.

William A. Nash, one of the directors of the Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling Company, was seen recently. In talking about the success of McIntyre's plan, he said: The flour trust is now a certainty. It will embrace all the principal mills of this country, and will have very large capital. McIntyre has worked very hard to accomplish his scheme. He has been greatly retarded by several English stockholders, who were slow in coming to an agreement. I think McIntyre will make public the details upon his arrival here."

"PARCELS POST" ADVOCATED.

Congressmen are Being Deluged With Petitions.

Members of Congress are being deluged with petitions from commercial bodies of various cities and towns in favor of the passage by Congress at the coming session of a bill establishing a cheap "parcels post," intended to compete with express companies, which are not in good odor because they have endeavored to evade the payment of the war revenue. The movement in favor of a cheap "parcels post" originated in the East, but, judging from the letters and petitions received by Western members of Congress, the far West is also aroused.

Packages are now sent through the mails as "merchandise," as everybody knows, but the rates are higher than the express companies charge. It is proposed to make to rates for postage packages as low or lower than the express companies. This system is in vogue in England and various Continental countries and is very popular.

Several members of Congress have prepared bills on this subject, which they will present on the opening day. It is considered doubtful, however, whether the Postoffices and Postroads Committee will act at once on such measures, for the Postoffice Department is of the opinion that the transportation of such packages would, under present conditions, prove to be a losing investment. There is an annual deficit in the Postoffice Department. The expenditures have for many years been far in excess of the receipts, chief among the reasons being the fact that railroads have resorted to fraudulent practices when mail is weighed at certain intervals, on which is based yearly contracts. The mails are also burdened with free matter and a certain class of printed matter classed as "periodicals" is allowed to go at a cheaper rate than it should.

All of these abuses will be called to the attention of Congress by a special committee, of which Congressman Loud is chairman. The Postoffice Department is of the opinion that if the Loud bill regulating second-class postal matter is passed the postal receipts may equal expenditures.

"In this case," says First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath, "Congress will undoubtedly pass a cheap parcels post bill."

Chicago Again in Commission.

New York—The crusier Chicago, reconstructed and capable of much greater speed than when she was taken out of commission over two years ago, was placed in commission at the navy yard the other day.

COAST ITEMS.

A cable line to the Pilippines via Hawaii is an existing necessity.

About 5,500,000 salmon eggs have been placed in the Fraser river.

At the Mare Island, Cal., Government Navy Yard 1700 men are busy.

Fifteen miles of narrow-gauge railroad are to connect Truckee and Tahoe City, Cal.

The U. S. Government has acquired the Philippines; an outlet for Pacific Coast trade.

The Crow's Nest Coal Co. are said to be trying to secure 500 miners for their mines at Fernie, B. C.

Sacramento, Cal., proposes to spend $40,000 in a water supply from the north fork of the American river.

Victoria, B.C., has a surplus of $32,-223 in the city treasury, $12,000 of which is to be used for water works improvements.

The U. S. torpedo boat Davis, at her trial trip at Portland, Or., Nov. 24, averaged 23½ knots per hour. In two hours she made 52 miles.

Nine miles of the railroad from Golconda, Nevada, to the mines of the Glasgow Co. have been graded and the rails are ready to be put in place.

The Seattle, Wash., city council has awarded the contract for the Cedar river water works to Gahn & Byone of Chicago for $1,050,000.

Packers' rates from White Pass to Lake Bnnett are 4½ cents per pound on large shipments and 5 cents per pound on shipments of one ton or under.

In an oil well under the sea, in Summerland, Santa Barbara Co., Cal., last week, was made a "strike" of natural gas, in large quantity, as yet unrestrained.

The Blue Lakes Water Co. is building a new power plant at Blue Lakes City, near Mokelumne Hill, Cal. Aluminum will be used for electrical conduction.

To yield of dry wines in California this year, it is calculated, will be 8,-000,000 gallons. The product last year was 27,000,000. Sweet wines will be about half the product of last year.

The growing of sugar beets in Contra Costa and Solano counties has proved a success. One farmer in Contra Costa is said to have cleared $50 an acre from fifty acres of land planted to beets.

The Los Angeles, Cal., Times, says the Santa Fe R. R. Co. has purchased from the Southern Pacific a half interest in all trackage rights between that city and Bakersfield, thus giving Santa Fe its entrance into San Francisco.

Captains J. J. Meyler, United States Army, Engineer Corps, who has charge of the fortification construction work on Ballast point, near San Diego, states that the contractors have nearly completed the excavation work for the fourth and last gun emplacement.

The new U. S. of Central America, composed of the republics of Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras, which had its birth November 1st, had an area of 110,000 square miles and a population of 2,000,000. Its great importance was due to its coast line and the fact that in it will lie the Nicaragua canal. The tripartite republic, however, went to pieces last week.

From April 1st to June 30th, '98, the U. S. Government chartered fourteen ships on the Pacific Coast, having a total tonnage of 41,152, and carrying capacity of 629 officers and 13,059 men with their complete outfit of camp and garrison equipment, arms, ammunition, medical and subsistence stores for a voyage of over 7000 miles to the Philippines. The payment for service vessels, under charter to June 30th, '98, was $319,764.

The U. S. battleship Wisconsin was successfully launched at the Union Iron Works, Potrero, San Francisco. The keel of this vessel was laid February 11th, '98; length 374 feet; beam, 72 feet; depth of main deck, 34 feet 6 inches; depth of superstructure, 42 feet; draught of water, 23 feet 6 inches; displacement, 11,525 tons; speed, 16 knots; two sets triple expansion engines, indicated H. P., 11,000; high pressure cylinder, 33½ inches; intermediate 51 inches; low pressure, 78 inches; stroke 48 inches; revolutions, 120; eight single cylindrical boilers 16 feet 3 inches diameter by 10 feet long; total grate surface, 685 square feet; total heating surface, 21,205 square feet; steam pressure, 180 pounds.

War Vessels on the Great Lakes.

Washington.—Lord Herschell and Senator Fairbanks, representing all parties on the Anglo-American Commission, have united in the following: "The statement that an agreement has been arrived at by the sub-committee appointed to consider the question of naval vessels on the great lakes is altogether incorrect. The matter is still under discussion."

Princeton Abolishes Hazing.

Princeton (N. J.)—At a monster mass meeting at Alexander Hall the students of Princeton University passed resolutions abolishing hazing. The resolutions had been submitted to each of the classes at previous meetings, and the expression was a ratification. An overwhelming majority prevailed, and the hazing question, it is believed, has been disposed of.

Defenses for Pearl Harbor.

Washington.—The Navy Department will immediately send a naval officer to Hawaii to prepare a report upon the fortifications and improvements needed at Pearl Harbor. The report will be completed in time for presentation at this session of Congress and an appropriation can be made before March 4th.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Helpful Suggestions For the Agriculturists.

HINTS THAT ARE INTERESTING.

Some Good Advice for the Ruralists—A Budget of Knowledge That May Prove Beneficial.

Moderate Application of Manures.

A very common mistake in applying farmyard manure is to give a small part of the farm a very heavy coating and leave the remainder without any. There are several good reasons why such a practice should not be followed. If the manure has been properly cared for there is no need of such heavy applications to supply sufficient plant food for the crops, and when heavy manuring is practiced a large part of the farm is neglected while a small part receives much more than it requires. The practice is similar to starving the greater number of a herd of cattle and giving the few remaining animals far more than they can eat. Very heavy manuring is wasteful (Ontario experiment station). It is infrequently claimed that if the first crop does not require the plant food applied, the next crop will be all the better off.

It is true that the heavier the application the greater the residue left over for succeeding crops, but it does not follow that there is no waste of plant food under heavy manuring. There is danger that some of the excessive plant food may be leached out of the soil and lost in the drainage water when the land is not under crop. In all fertile soils there is always a considerable loss of nitrates from the soil in the drainage water, and it is not difficult to understand that the greater the excess of soluble plant food in the soil the greater the loss in the drainage water. Some loss is sure to occur, but an effort should be made to make the loss as small as possible; and moderation in applying manure is one step in this direction.

Variety of Feed of Hogs.

I know very well that pigs cannot be entirely fed on corn with profit until they are finished, unless they have grass, writes J. B. Martin in the Orange Judd Farmer. The last winter I did not remember it until I had relearned it at some expense. January 15 I weighed a bunch of July and September shoats that had been full-fed on corn from the time they began to eat. The first week I fed seven bushels of oats and 29 bushels of corn, which produced 7¼ pounds of pork for each bushel fed. The second week two bushels of oats and 18 bushels corn produced 84 4-17 pounds, for each bushel fed. The third week 8 28-29 pounds, the fourth and fifth weeks 7 7-8 pounds. No oats were fed the fourth and fifth weeks.

I sold part of the hogs and turned others out on a pasture range, as they were not doing well. They had all the corn they would eat, but always seemed to want something they could not get. Their stomachs were worn out and were in a fine shape for disease. I weighed eighteen of the thriftiest, principally barrows. The first week they ate two bushels of oats and 9¼ bushels of corn, several buckets full of salt and ashes and two or three bushels of partly decayed apples. I had noticed them chase the hens for their droppings. Taking the hint I wheeled out from the henhouse several bushels which they ate ravenously. This produced 16 8-11 pounds of pork for each bushel of grain fed.

This gain was so large that I thought I might have weighed the hogs at an unfair time. The next week I made the circumstances of weighing like the previous week. The shoats showed a gain of 12¼ pounds for each bushel of grain fed. Quite a quantity of ashes, apples and droppings were given. After the hogs had eaten a part of these they would return at once to corn. There are certain elements in these feeds that aid digestion. The hogs I turned on pasture range and gave a limited amount of corn have made a great improvement.

Dairy Notes.

There is not much difference in the merit of churns except that some work easier and more rapidly.

Oats and peas sown together at the rate of about three bushels to the acre, make early green crop for cows.

The addition of gluten meal to the ration of corn meal will make a perceptible increase in the daily flow of milk.

Educate the people to know that oleomargarine is a dirty, disease-breeding compound, and then let the courts protect it as much as they like.

It is said that placing fresh water before cows in the stable, so that they can drink a little whenever wanted, increases the yield of milk sufficiently to repay cost of pipes and appliances in a very short time.

One dairyman raises his calves on separator skim milk, with a little white middlings stirred in, after they are two weeks old, and until they are four weeks, when he adds wheat middlings and old process meal.

In the winter keep the cow warm and dry.

Never use rusty cans under any consideration.

Don't keep a hard milking cow, if you value your time.

Always milk as quickly as possible, and do it with clean, dry hands.

Cream should be taken off the milk while it is still sweet, if possible.

Clean, bright food, in sufficient variety, is what is needed in the dairy. Two or three degrees of temperature will make a great difference in churning.

Be on friendly terms with the calves from the very first. Talk to them and pet them.

Never disturb milk when cream is rising or the butter globules will sink never to rise again.

The good-looking, round-bodied cow is never a good one. The best dairy cow is hardly pretty.

Whenever a cow drinks water that you would not drink yourself she is robbing you of profits.

Scale Killed By Fruit Drying.

The Government experts have been for some time demonstrating to a representative of the German Government that fruit drying killed the scale which might be on the fresh fruit. The experiments of the Department of Agriculture have extended over a period of several weeks, and have been most minute and careful. Large lots of peaches and apples infected with the scale have been tested by all known methods of commercial drying—by sun drying, by evaporation, by the use of sulphur, and without—with the result that each of these commercial processes destroys the life of the scale. In the experiments made each scale was closely watched for several weeks, and, after the fruit had been dried, each and every scale on every piece in the entire lot was examined by the aid of powerful microscopes. In no instance had the scale survived the process of drying, thus proving conclusively that dried fruits could not possibly propagate the scale. The German expert, who came over especially to investigate the subject, was given samples of the work and access to the experiments while they were being conducted. Although he was naturally non-committal, he appeared to be convinced that the conclusions of this Government were correct. The results of this experimentation are being complied, and as soon as they are transmitted to the Swiss Government it is confidently believed the obnoxious decree will be revoked.

Little Things About Managing Incubators.

If a man is about to start using an incubator for the first time it will be well for him to look after some of the little things that have so much to do with the success or failure in handling these adjuncts to poultry raising

One of the things that should be looked after carefully is the regulating of the heating apparatus and the record of the same by the thermometers. It is best for a man to practice with the incubator without eggs in it till he is sure that he can control the heat.

We believe it is a mistake for any amateur to go ahead at once with eggs in the drawer without knowing whether he can keep the temperature uniform.

In looking at the thermometer each time, do so quickly, as a draft of cold air will quickly cool off the air inside of the incubator.

Another thing that will be of interest to note will be the relative heat compared with the outside temperature. Some incubators are so carefully and thoroughly built that the outside temperature has little effect on them. There are others, however, that seem to be greatly affected by the general state of the weather.

This is of great moment, as I found that if an incubator responds too quickly to outside influences it will be necessary to place it in the cellar or some other place where the temperature is uniform, or at least changes but slowly.

We believe there is less danger of the eggs being injured by too little heat than by too much. We have seen hens leave their nests in the early spring and stay away till it seemed that the eggs must all be chilled, and yet the same biddie would bring out a full brood of chicks from the eggs so treated.

As to the thermometer, be sure that it is correct. There will be no gain in saving money on a cheap thermometer and losing it in a whole drawer of eggs. If a cheap thermometer can be obtained that is reliable it will be as good as one that is expensive, but see to it that it is reliable no matter what it costs.—Farmers' Review.

A Safe and Effective Fire Kindler.

Kindling with kerosene, though almost universal when it comes to starting the kitchen fire on a winter's morning, is a dangerous operation as generally done. No farmer or his son, of course, the wife or daughter never has this cold and disagreeable task to perform, can be blamed for wishing to abridge this uncomfortable duty. If he will try the following plan he will find it a success. He neither spills oil on stove and floor, carries oil in the dishes to season the breakfast later on, and last, but not least, does not blow up the stove or set the house on fire.

Take a tin can, one with a cover so that the oil will not evaporate, and fill about two-thirds full of oil, and set in some handy place out of the way. At night put two or three cobs in the can and leave to soak. When the fire is to be started, take the cobs and put on the grate of the stove, piling the kindling and fuel over them. Then touch a match to them and your fire is going full blast. Always have some cobs in the can. If, for any resaon, it is desirable to have a fire on short notice, your kindling is always ready.

Burr Knapp's Farm Furrows.

Thin field; scanty yield.

It is better to be a good farmer than a poor president.

A model farmer scorns all crookedness but that of his plow.

Better a patch than a leaky roof.

Some men are like tether stakes; unable to find their place until pounded on the head.

Economy is not cent wisdom and dollar folly.

Farmer Plugg's motto for his boys seems to be, "All work and no play," and for his hired men, "All work and no pay."

PRISON REFORM.

Director Devlin Files a Supplemental Report.

POINTS ON WHICH HE DIFFERS.

He Is Opposed to the Indeterminate Sentence System and the Parole Law as Applied to Higher Crimes.

Sacramento.—Prison Director Robert T. Devlin has filed with Governor Budd a report supplemental to the biennial report recently filed by the State Board of Prison Directors, in which he takes issue with certain recommndations made therein. Devlin's report is in substance as follows:

I agree with the report signed by the majority of the State Board of Prison Directors in its many details, but there are a few matters in which I beg to differ, and, therefore, file this supplemental report.

"First—I believe that the application of the indeterminate sentence system to the prisons of California would be disastrous. Under this system persons are not sentenced for any fixed term, but sentenced simply to the prison, there to remain until the Board of Directors deem them sufficiently reformed to allow their discharge. Such a system, in my judgment, is only capable of application with anything like success to a separate institution in which offenders only under a certain age are committed. In New York and Pennsylvania, and possibly in one of two other States, reformatories have been established, which are intermediate between the prison and the reform school, to which persons under a fixed age, generally 30, are sent, and who, after being subjected to a course of discipline and training, are, if in the judgment of the manager or Board of Directors, it is deemed proper, given their release.

"Even an institution of this character, with such a system, under our form of government, would be open to many grave objections. Those who may be placed in charge of such an institution having such a system will require a peculiar kind of talent and experience, which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain in California. Even if such talent and experience could be obtained, those in authority would constantly be subjected to political pressure to allow the release of persons who were not entitled to it. No one, so far as I know, has ever before seriously suggested the application of this system to the State prisons. Even its most fervent advocates only claim it to be advantageous when applied to persons who have not yet formed fixed habits, and whose advent into crime has been caused chiefly by their bad associations.

"If, however, the State believes that it can stand the expense, I would suggest that the indeterminate sentence system applied to persons under 25 years of age would be productive of good results, but I also wish to add that I think it would be impracticable to apply it to the State prisons.

"Second—The parole law, in my judgment, should be amended so as to exclude from its operation persons convicted of arson, forgery, rape, or any degree of homicide, and possibly some other offenses should also be excluded from the operation of this law. Offenses that show premeditation and a malicious heart should certainly be excluded, and in cases of crimes of violence society has a right to fix an arbitrary punishment for the purpose of preserving peace and order.

"Three—Another suggestion, it seems to me, that should be made for the consideration of the Legislature, is a law providing that a person who has been thrice convicted of a felony should be deemed to be a habitual criminal and confined for the term of his natural life. It is fair to assume that a person who has been convicted three times of a felony is a confirmed criminal, and either has no desire to reform or is incapable of reformation.

"Fourth—The quesiton of utilizing the two State prisons at Folsom and San Quentin so as to confine in one the hardened class of criminals and in the other those for whose reformation some hope may be entertained, is worthy of careful consideration. This could be done at comparatively trifling expense by authorizing the wardens to select from the aggregate number of prisoners now confined in our prisons those whom it is deemed belong to the class of hardened criminals; but such a classification would probably have some effect upon our industries, and a reorganization of our prison industrial system might have to be made as a result of such classification. The effect of such classification and segregation would be to prevent the association of youthful criminals with those who have become steeped in crime.

Medal for Schley.

Baltimore.—At a special meeting of the Schley testimonial committee held here it was decided to present the Admiral with a medal emblematic of his distinguished services. The medal was decided upon in lieu of a sword.

France Will Send a Naval Attache.

Washington—The State Department has been advised that the French Government will establish a naval attache at Washington in connection with the staff of the Embassy.

Mauser Rifles Ordered Sold.

Washington.—The Secretary of War has directed that the 9000 Mauser rifles taken from the Spanish troops at the surrender of Santiago be disposed of.

A ton of Eastern oysters has been placed for propagating purposes in Chuckanut bay.

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S message to Congress last Monday is rather lengthy but greatly interesting to all the American people. He mentions several of the principal events of the war with Spain in which he reminds Congress how the nation was fired with patriotism and responded so quickly to the call for volunteers; the prompt contribution to the war revenue in the popular loan which would many times cover the amount asked for; the great victory of the Pacific fleet under Commodore Dewey on Manila bay the first of May; the heroic deeds of Lieutenant Hobson and the men who went with him at the risk of their lives to block the outlet of Santiago harbor by sinking the Merrimac; how the Spanish fleet, in attempting to leave the harbor of Santiago, was met by the American squadron under command of Commodore Sampson and in less than three hours was destroyed which was followed by the capture of the city of Santiago a few days later. Further along in the message he speaks of a change in the maritime policy, the increase of the Army and Navy and many other things of interest to our people while at the close he has several suggestions which he recommended to Congress for their consideration. Among these he suggests that an amendment is needed to the Alien-Contract law; better ter protection for seamen; the rightful application of the eight hour law for the benefit of labor, and the principal of arbitration is suggested. The entire message is principally given up to history and patriotism of our nation.

MANY newspapers throughout the country state that if Thanksgiving day had been one week later many people would have found little to be thankful for. Notwithstanding the many disasters of the year it would be a narrow minded person who could not find something to be thankful for. The year of 1898 has been very eventful and everybody can find something to give thanks for if not more than being alive. What about the outcome of the war?

IT is to be hoped the people of Sonoma valley will take a greater interest in the Citrus Fair exhibits this year than has ever been exercised before. Last year this valley was awarded first prize on lemons and we believe if care is taken not only will we have the first prize on lemons but on oranges as well. We can raise as fine citrus fruit as can be raised anywhere in the state.

IT is apparent that an illegal operator of a still in San Luis Obispo county was closely watching the movements of an officer of that county who had found the still and intended removing it next day. When the officer had arrangements completed the still could not be found.

IT is reported that $75,000 in Spanish and American coin was found in the safe which was taken from the Maria Teresa before she sailed on her ill-fated voyage. If a few more such finds can be made it will help out greatly in paying some of the war claims.

IT is to be hoped that the linseed oil trust will not only help the manufacturer to make a larger profit but also to see that the laborer has a better wage.

Trustees Meeting.

The board of city trustees met at the pavilion last Wednesday evening in regular session. H. H. Seip was noted absent. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A few bills were presented and ordered paid.

A communication from S. Schocken regarding the graveling of the extention of first street east was read and on motion the street committee was ordered to gravel said street from the plaza to the railroad grounds.

The plaza committee reported having advertised for bids to repair the well in the north east corner of the plaza and were granted further time to do their work. Two more electric lights were ordered as street lamps one to be placed near the corner of Napa and second streets and one on Vallejo street near Judge Cheney's residence.

The matter of opening a street from Munfrey's house to the county line was discussed and on motion was ordered opened. The proposed street will be a continuation of Germany street and will run through Geo. Cornelius' place.

No other business being presented the board adjourned.

GLEN ELLEN GLEANINGS.

Wm. Sobbe, the genial host of Glen Ellen Hotel has a number of guests and reports business brisk.

Miss L. Clark has about completed her new residence in the Graham Canon.

Mrs. R. B. McCord, who has been quite ill the past week is rapidly convalescing.

Mrs. George W. Johnson and family are visiting friends in Petaluma.

M. Holst, of Santa Rosa, has leased the Sullivan blacksmith shop and is prepared to do that line of work in all its branches.

The public school here closed this week after a successful term of five months.

Philip Brand who has been quite ill with typhoid fever is up and around and gradually improving.

Messrs Dechman & Wiegand have purchased a new carriage for the accommodation of their patients.

A social hop is advertised for next Saturday evening at the Mervyn Hotelr It will certainly be a very enjoyable affair.

Henry R. Martens, who left for the Hawaiian Islands some time ago, arrived there safely. He was much pleased with his trip.

Bonds and Bills of Expense Filed.

The bonds of the county officers elect have been filed in the county clerk's office with the necessary surities and will be of interest to our readers.

Frank P. Grace, sheriff, bond $50,000; Frank P. Grace, tax collector, bond $50,000; Francis E. Dowd, assessor, bond $20,000; Miss Minnie I. Coulter, superintendent of schools, bond $5000; Fred L. Wright, recorder, bond $10,000; Fred L. Wright, auditor, bond $20,000; E. F. Woodward, treasurer, bond $100,000; O. O. Webber. district attorney, bond $5,000; N. V. V. Smyth, surveyor, bond $5,000; J. G. Pearce, coroner, bond $5,000; J. G. Pearce, public administrator, bond $30,000.

The bills of expense filed in the county clerk's office by the county candidates amount to $5,090.40. The smallest bill presented is that of Gallant Rains for $22 and the highest is by Sheriff elect Frank P. Grace for $495 55.

Admitted to the Hospital.

Andrew Janetti fell and broke one of his legs above the ankle on Monday night while walking along First street, West Sonoma. The limb was set by Dr. Walliser of that place. On Tuesday morning he was brought to Santa Rosa by Messrs L. Quartaroli and A. G, Bulotti and taken to the county hospital —*Press-Democrat.*

We are sorry that Santa Rosa people get such reports in their papers. The accident did actually occur in Sonoma but in a house where Janetti and another man were having a playful scuffle? Had he been outside the street might have proven the cause of tripping him as men do under some conditions find the road very rough.

A fire fiend tried to destroy the ocean beach pavilion near the Cliff House early Tuesday morning. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done. Had it not been discovered until fifteen minutes later it would have been impossible to have saved the building and a number of persons would undoubtedly have perished in the flames.

IN THE COURTS.

Walter Munson, a man forty-three years of age, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary, and was sentenced by Judge Burnett to serve three years in San Quentin.

Frank Silva, charged with burglarizing a residence at Stony Point, entered a plea of guilty but sentence was deferred.

W. H. Welblye vs. F. T. Duhring—continued to Dec. 12.

Horn vs. Peterson—Continued to Jan. 16.

Ducas vs. Reynolds—Set for Jan. 18.

Estate of Henry Wilsey—J. S. Blackburn appointed administrator; bond $1,000.

Estate of Patrick Conniff—Michael Conniff appointed admisistrator, bond $600.

Estate of George Riley—Sale of personal property, ordered.

Estate of Wm. Short—Estate set aside to Clara L. Short.

Estate and guardianship of John Mulond, insane—Final account settled.

Estate of Otto Fox—Final account of special administratrix settled.

Emily A. Hart vs. Clement Gardner—Continued to Dec. 12,

In re Dan'l Behemer, insolvent—Continued to Dec. 19.

J. W. Swank vs. A. Shelling—Continued to Dec. 12.

Thos. H. Spottiswood, J. T. Barriero and Pietro Peppini vs. Sonoma Lumber Co—Demurrer submitted in the three cases and taken under advisement.

A Close Call.

What came very near being a serious accident occurred at the railroad crossing near the Sotoyome school house on Wednesday of last week when Mr. Stienburg, a farmer living south of town had a narrow escape from death. It seems a band of horses were being driven to the southern part of the state, and when near the school house, took fright and stampeded. Mr. Slienburg was driving along and the frightened band of horses surrounded his wagon on the railroad crossing, and he was unable to escape from the freight train which came along at that time. The wagon in which Mr. Stienburg was sitting was struck by the train, and the gentleman was hurled to the ground, though he was not in the least injured. The wagon was completely demolished and one of the mules in the band was killed. Other than this, no damage was done.—*Enterprise.*

Caught His Man at Napa.

Constable Boswell went over to Napa Saturday morning and on his return was accompanied by Albert Knox, wanted here for burglary. This personage robbed a companion in the city of several dollars in coin, a gold watch and a couple of shirts on September 30 last and since that time the police of several cities have endeavored to capture him. He arrived in Napa Friday morning and Constable Boswell was immediately apprised of the fact by telephone message. The man is a rough character and his detention was greatly desired.—*Republican.*

Cloverdale's Wool Sale.

The postponing of the wool sale has proved a boon to the wool men and they are congratulating themselves on the turn in their favor, says the Reville. Where several weeks ago 8 cents was the highest bid offered, the bulk of the wool was disposed of this week at prices ranging from 9¼ to 10 cents.

Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a free sample bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, for consumption, coughs and colds. They don't ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of the truly wonderful remedy and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment and would be disasterous to the proprietors, did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results, and are relying on it in severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Wegner's Drug Store. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1.00.

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The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c. per box. For sale by Ed. Wegner.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c, or 25c. If C. C. C. fails to cure, druggist refunds money.

Look for the league entertainment program in another column of this paper.

Bob. Pasche, who with his brother Hymme has opened a general merchandise store in Napa, was in Sonoma Thursday.

The efforts being put fourth to make tae entertainments next Friday and Saturday evenings a success, are abundant.

Ex-Supervisor P. H. Thompson, who for many years has been a resident in the eastern part of this valley, has leased his ranch and removed to Napa with his family last Wednesday.

Several Congregational people, young and old, made a social call upon their minister Tuesday evening. The hours were pleasantly passed in making stronger the ties of friendship.

A fair trial is all we ask and our aim is to take away from other places the trade we are entitled to. We are entitled to it as our prices can't be beat. We are headquarters for the juciest ham and breakfast bacon in the valley. Kinghan's Eastern Ham 13 cts. per lb. Eastern breakfast bacon 12½ cts. per pound. Weems Cash Store.

Catalogues from San Francisco grocery firms sent to the customers of Sonoma valley, if read and compared with our regular prices, will do us a world of good. Readers will find that it will not pay them to trade out of their own town, now that they have a store whose only competition is in Petaluma and San Francisco. Weems Cash Store can furnish you goods at rates so low that you cannot afford to send away for your provisions.

A Shower of Hats and Shoes.

Charles F. W. Mieglatz contributes "A Boy's Recollections of the Great Chicago Fire" to St. Nicholas. Mr. Mieglatz says:

Once, for a few minutes, I thought it was all over with me. The flames sprang from the middle of the block, on the east side of Wells street between Washington and Randolph, to the middle of the block between Randolph and Lake streets. Here a remarkable thing happened. At the northwest corner of Wells and Lake streets I stopped for a moment to catch my breath and to look back. At the southeast corner there was a boot and shoe shop, which had a glass front on the rear alley, similar to that on the street front, but not so elaborate. The fire struck this alley front with a force that swept the boots and shoes through the shop and into the street in a flash. A tongue of flame shot out, rolled across the street and kindled a tar kettle and a barrel, such as pavers use, bringing with it a shower of boots and shoes. Almost at the same instant the fire threw itself against a hat factory, a few doors east of the boot and shoe shop. It hit the rear of the building with the same impelling force, and the hats flew up into the air like spray.

Our Immense Railway System.

The railway system in the United States employs 36,000 locomotives, 26,000 passenger cars and 8,000 mail and baggage cars. These figures seem large till the number of freight cars is stated, which is 1,250,000. A passenger train consisting of locomotive, tender, baggage and six passenger cars, with their contents, is estimatd to weigh about 184 tons. Freight trains sometimes reach a weight of 550 tons. An ordinary passenger car costs from $4,000 to $5,000 and a sleeping car anywhere from $10,000 to $20,000. The system, with its gigantic equipment, is practically the growth of a single generation. With the additions of another quarter or half a century posterity ought to stand and gaze at its stupendous proportions. But it will probably be gradually educated out of all its capacities of wonder, as we have been out of many of our own. New York Tribune.

The Overruling of a Judge.

A judge the other day awoke in the night to find his room in the possession of two armed burglars. Covered by the pistol of one of the marauders, the judge watched the proceedings with his usual judicial calm. One of the depredators found a watch. "Don't take that," the judge said, "it has little value and is a keepsake." "The motion is overruled," replied the burglar. "I appeal," rejoined the judge. The two burglars consulted, and the spokesman then replied: "The appeal is allowed. The case coming on before a full tribunal of the supreme court, that body is of the unanimous opinion that the decree of the lower court should be sustained, and it is accordingly so ordered." Pocketing the watch, court adjourned.—Household Words.

Looking Forward.

Diggs—Do you know whether Alderman Blank still has his office on the second floor of the Cloudland building or not?

Biggs—No. He is now located on the nineteenth floor of the same building.

Diggs—Indeed! What was his idea of making the change?

Biggs—I guess he discovered he had no show of being elected to a higher office, so he concluded to rent one. Chicago News.

The Unattainable.

She looked at him with soulful, pensive eyes.

"In what," she asked, "do you think true earthly happiness, if it existed, would consist?"

He gave the question careful consideration before he answered.

"In having weather that would enable one to wear an overcoat in summer and a crash suit in winter."—Washington Star.

Uncanny Jewel Box.

The native Andamanese women have a curious custom. When one of them boomes a widow, she prepares the skull of her deceased husband and carries it about suspended at her side. There it answers the purpose of a treasure box, in which she places her jewels, her money and other valuable possessions, so far as space will allow.

Fewer French ships pass through the Suez canal than German, Italian or even Dutch.

Chinese rice paper is made from the straw of the rice plant.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets

Candy Cathartic cure constipation forvere; 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggist refund money.

FOR SALE.— White Leghorn eggs for hatching purpose, absolutely pure, at 50 cents per setting of 13. For particulars inquire at this office.

50 CENT COLUMN.

Advertisements consisting of five lines or less will appear under this head at the rate of 50 cents per month.

A MYSTERIOUS delivery wagon was found under the Cooper bridge Wednesday, Nov. 23d, 1898. For particulars call on Deputy Sheriff Chas. H. Ohm. 3-45

FOR SALE. A Weber square piano in good condition; for sale at a low figure. Apply to Post Master at El Verano. 3-45

FOR RENT. A stock ranch consisting of 400 acres, 100 acres plow land, balance pasture For particulars enquire at this office 3-43

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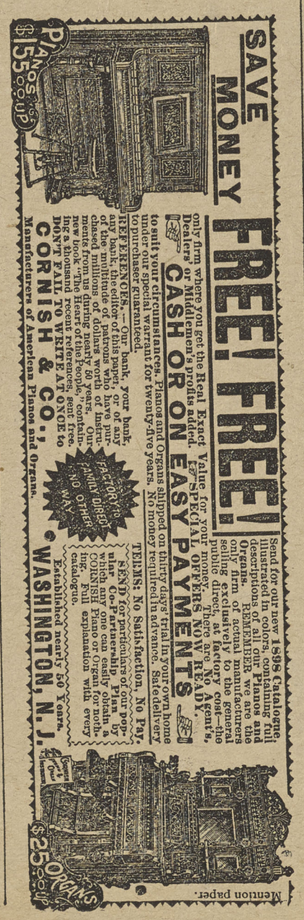

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Catholic Church. Rev. W. P. Quill, Rector. Services: Sundays, 8:30 and 11 a. m.; week-days, 7:30 a. m. School immediately after the 11 o'clock mass.

Congregational Church.
Rev. Charles D. Milliken, Minister. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m., Mr. Charles Potter, Supt., Y. P. S. C. E service 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays 2:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society Meeting, Friday 3:15 p. m.
Ladie's Aid Society, 2nd Thursday of each month.
Missionary Society, 2nd Tuesday of oach month.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev E. E. Thompson, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:15, p. m. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday

LODGE NOTICES.

A. O. U. W.
PUEBLO LODGE No. 168, meets every first and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.

F. & A. M.
TEMPLE LODGE No. 14, meets in the Masonic Hall on the Tuesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

I. O. O. F.
SONOMA LODGE No. 28, meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.
REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE No. 99, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

O. E. S.
VALLEY OF THE MOON CHAPTER No. 85, meets in Masonic Hall on the Thursday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

O. C. F.
SONOMA VINEYARD COUNCIL, No. 164, meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

N. S. G. W.
SONOMA PARLOR, No. 111, meets every Monday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Y. M. I.
No. 45 meets the first and third Wednesday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

U. A. O. D.
SONOMA GROVE No. 75, meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

TO THE FATHER OF BOYS.

A Few Words of Advice Which Our Parents Should Heed.

Have you a son between 13 and 35 years of age who is lifeless and stupid; whose face is pimpled appetite poor; pains in the back; nervous twitching of the eyes and other parts; suffering from sleepless, restless, nights night sweats, palpitation of the heart, indigestion, constipation; cramps in legs and arms; bashful always avoiding company of opposite sex—who has no energy, and is unfit for work or study?

If you have a boy with any of these symptoms there are 19 chances out of 20 that the boy will, within 18 short months, be past the aid of medical skill—completely at the mercy of that dread disease—consumpson. Take warning in time! For these sure and tel-tale symtoms there is but one never-failing and GUARANTEED CURE, and that is VERVAIN, the most remarkable discovery of the century. One month's treatment will bring rosy healthy to that fading cheek will cause the life giving, tissue-building elements of its truly wonderful properties to instantly circulate through those clogged up veins. It stopps debilitating drains: soothes, invigorates and vitalizes the whole system; it transforms the weak, sickly, irritable, nervous, despondent sufferer to true, healthy, happy manhood.

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Leaves Sonoma		Effective Oct. 16 '98	Arrive Sonoma	
Week days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Week days
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	San Francisco, San	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Rafael intermediates	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen and	8.10 a.m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	7.15 p. m.	intermediates	3.37 p.m.	2.45 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Petaluma, SantaRosa	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	and intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8 10 a. m.	Cloverdale, Healds-	.....	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	.....	burg, intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
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6:18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Sebastopol and	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2:45 a. m	3.37 p. m.	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Guerneville and	.....	10.30 a. m
2:45 p. m.	.....	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p.m

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Past Week in the Pioneer City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Subscribe for the NEWS.

General Passenger Agent R. X. Ryan was in town Tuesday.

Newton Agnew was in Sonoma and spent Sunday with friends.

John Mufer, of Oakland was visiting his brother Tony this week.

Wm. Hamilton, of the Jones ranch, has returned from the south.

Six teams were busy hauling gravel for Napa street Tuesday and Wednesday.

John T. Peters, a real estate dealer of San Francisco, was doing our town Monday.

Miss Julia Myer, of San Francisco, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dohrman, this week.

Chas. Cheney was up from the Bay City this week visiting his the family of Judge Cheney.

Mrs. Stone, of San Francisco, was up from the city the first of the week visiting her mother, Mrs. Ruffner.

Mrs. Newton Agnew returned to her home in the city Sunday after a two weeks visit with her sister Mrs. C. L. Cook.

Perry Ferris, of the Cal. Volunteers, stationed at the Presidio, was up Sunday and Monday visiting old friends.

Mrs. Josephine Cooper and daughter went to San Francisco Saturday to spend a few days visiting with her sister.

Martin Hansen who has been confined to the house for several weeks with a broken leg is able to be out on crutches.

The new Catholic church at Sebastapol is to be dedicated next Sunday. Archbishop Riordan is to be the officiating clergy.

Vetrinary Surgeon L. C. Hoffman, of Napa was in town Wednesday. It was reported he was here with a view of locating.

Attorney Chas. Stewart, of San Francisco, came up Tuesday evening on business connected with the estate of Dr. Worcester deceased.

Mrs. Granville Harris made a trip to the city last Saturday with her two children to consult the physician about little Spencer's leg.

J. H. Traeger, of San Jose. was in town the first of the week, looking up a business location. We did not hear his verdict, so do not know whether he will locate here or not.

For your Christmas goods patronize your home merchant and help keep your money at home. It is your money that builds up the town and not that of a foreign merchant.

Harry B. Shaw was recently made a present of a Depru gas lamp for his bicycle, which is certainly the finest lamp of its kind we have ever seen. This is the first Depru lamp in the valley but if merit will sell them, there will soon be others.

Last Saturday notice was served on all the operators of nickel in the slot machines in Santa Rosa to the effect that the machines would be removed on Monday, on which day the Marshal saw that the order was complied with and that all such machines were put out of sight.

While digging the new artesian well at the electaic light plant, says the Petaluma Courier, the auger penetrated quite a good sized stratum of gas, and it is thought that an abundance of natural gas could be found at a depth of no more than 500 feet. In the new well the water flows to within twenty feet of the top. It is now being analyzed.

While A. W. Howege was at work in his planing mill at Petaluma last Thursday, his band saw broke and struck him in the face with great force, badly cutting it. It was some time before the flow of blood could be stopped sufficient to take the necessary stitches to close the wound. Mr. Howege is the president of the board of city trustees. At last accounts he was getting along nicely.

A team belonging to S. Mc Reynolds ran away near the Donahue residence on the Sebastapol road Monday. The wagon to which the team was hitched was badly wrecked and Mr. McReynolds and son were thrown out, the former sustaining serious injuries. He was taken to Santa Rosa for treatment where it was feared he was injured internallly.

According to the Argus, Gus. Purvine, one of the hunters who took part in the field shoot at Two Rock valley Saturday, had the misfortune to shoot his horse. Purvine was hunting from a cart and in attempting to raise his gun one of the triggers caught in his coat and the weapon discharged sending the entire charge of shot into the horse's rump. He managed to get the animal home but had to kill it as it was incurable.

A fine line of gents neck wear for Christmas presents at G. H. Hotz'.

The fire alarm of last night was caused by the burning out of a flue at the Toscano House.

The dredger Nevada went up the river to Petaluma Monday where it will be engaged for some time.

Miss Harriet Gaines, after an absence in San Francisco of nearly six weeks, returned home this week.

Dolls, doll carriages, doll cradles, picture and building blocks, books and all kinds of toys at G. H. Hotz's.

Tickets for the entertainments next Friday and Saturday evenings on sale at Weems grocery store. 15 and 25 cents.

On account of the Teachers' Associaiion and Christmas, the schools of Santa Rosa will be closed for two weeks.

Don't chew the rag, when you can buy Star Tobacco for 45 cents a plug at Weems Cash Store.

The property known as the Tuscano house has been sold to Ciucci & Martimoni who have been conducting the hotel for some time past.

While on his return home this morning, Donald, son of Attorney Geo. Maxwell, was thrown from the horse which he was riding and severely shaken up but it is thought no bones were broken.

The Walker sisters of the young ladies' orchestra of Oakland are to be present at the entertainment to be given at the Union Hall on the 16th and 17th, and render special numbers in the program.

From good authority we learn that there are about twenty applicants for the principalship of our grammar school. In making a choice from such a number the trustees have an unenviable task.

Soap! Here we are again. We have just purchased a half car load of soap so that we can again sell ten just think, 10 big bars for 25c. This is good soap. Money back if you don't like it. Weems Cash Store.

W. H. Miller, superintendent of the Standard Oil Company, joined business with pleasure this week and made a trip to Los Angeles. During his absence Mrs. Miller will spend her time on their ranch near town.

The Ladie's Aid Society of the Congregational church held their monthly meeting this week at the home of Mrs. McHarvey. At their recent fair about one hundred and fifty-five dollars were cleared above expenses.

Flour! Flour! Flour! Just compare this with others. Sperry's Stockton flour, 50 lb sacks $1 10 Santa Rosa flour No. 1 50 lb. sacks $1.05. 3-H flour, every sack guaranteed or money refunded, 50 lb. sks. 90 cents. Weems Cash Store.

A serious explosion occurred at the Judson Powder Works located at Flemings point, near West Berekley Monday afternoon in which Superintendent Kennedy and four chinamen were killed. This was all the help employed at the time of the explosion so none are left to tell how the catastrophe happened.

Ed. L. Thompson has apparently had several narrow escapes from being run over by bicycles or teams lately as he procured a lantern the other morning and said he didn't intend taking any more chances on being run over while delivering milk. The old gentleman has some Scotch blood in his veins which may account for his not being able to see after four o'clock. This item was suggested by his son, Rev. E. E. Thompson.

A young man named Wm. Williams, while driving a team across the railroad track, was struck and instantly killed by the engine of a special train on the Donahue road at Sportsman's club crossing near Petaluma last Wednesday. The trainmen did all in their power to prevent the accident, but as the young man was blind and deaf, he evidently didn't know of its approach. The horses crossed the track and escaped unharmed. Williams was of Irish parentage and had been raised by the Catholic orphan asylum near San Rafael and had been working as a farm hand for residents of San Antonio. At the time of his death he was employed by C. Ramatici. The remains were taken to San Rafael where the inquest was held Friday morning. The trainmen were not blamed in the least as the accident, occurred at a point where there is an unobstructed view of the track for some distance.

Services at the M. E. church, Sunday Dec. 11th, at 11 a. m., subject "Where Are the Dead?" Evening subject "Lonliness of the Stranger."

E. E. THOMPSON, Pastor.

Preaching at the Congregational church Sunday December 11th, at 11 a. m. Subject, "Christian Work." A special invitation is extended to all young people to join the Pastor's Bible class, which is studying Gladden's "Who wrote the Bible?" Preaching at 7.30 p.m. A welcome to all.

CHAS. D. MILLIKEN, Pastor.

Dried Powder in The Oven.

A young man named Corville, living near Healdsburg, in attempting to dry some powder which he had obtained in town, placed the explosive material in a glass jar and put it in the oven of his cook stove where he left it over night intending it should dry, which without doubt it did. The next day Corville forgot his miniature powder house and went to town leaving another man, Higgins in charge who when evening came made up his mind to have a good supper for his friend on his return home. Higgens built up a good hot fire and had the sumptuous meal well under way when he stepped to the door to look out and get a breath of cool air when without the slightest warning he was rudely forced to leave the doorway for a more lowly position on the ground. When he arose to ascertain the cause he noticed the stove was gone and part of the roof too. After the extinguishing of a small blaze in the debre of roof, ceiling and supper an investigation revealed the fact that Corville's powder had dried and Higgins got the stove too hot to be used as a powder magazine. Higgins could not account for the explosion until Corville came home and told how he had converted the stove into a powder house.

A Painful Accident.

While L. L. Mann, engineer of the electric power house was starting his engine for the morning run Tuesday his right foot was caught in the balance wheel and seriously hurt. In starting the engine, Mr. Mann, being light in weight has been compelled to climb on the wheel to throw it over the center, and as the explosion seldom comes until the second or third revolution of the wheel, he was not prepared for it and consequently got his foot caught between the wheel and the side of the stone foundation bruising it severely. After the accident he called Mr. Ciucci to his assistance who in turn called Julius Fochetti who took charge of the plant.

After Mr. Mann saw that the machinery was working as it should he sent for Dr. Davis who soon arrived but as the injured member had swolen so badly he was unable to tell whether any of the bones were broken or not. Later he made another examination and decided no bones were fractured. While the injury is very painful and will necessitate Mr. Mann's absence from his post for several days he is lucky to get off without a broken foot and leg.

Herbert G. Shaw of Sonoma Acquires the Title of M. D.

Herbert G., son of O. B. Shaw, who has been absent from our midst for some time past, was home for a few days visit the first of the week. During his absence he has been in attendance at the state College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1894. Immediately after completing this course, he entered the Cooper Medical College, from which he graduated Thursday. The commencement exercises took place in the college auditorium last evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Shaw has accepted a position for one year as house physician at St. Luke's hospital, San Francisco. We join the many friends in extending congratulations to the doctor on his success as a student and wish him much prosperity in his new undertaking.

John Martin Passes Away.

As we go to press we learn of the death of a Sonomaite, John Martin, whose death occurred in San Francisco Wednesday after a lingering illness. Up to about seven years ago Mr. Martin conducted a blacksmith shop here. He leaves a mother and her family to mourn his loss. The funernal will lake place from the Donahue railway depot at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. Interment in Mountain Cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the family.

Social Hop.

There will be a social hop given at the Mervyn hall Glen Ellen Saturday evening Dec. 10, 1898. Music will be furnished for the occasion by Prof. H. Schieck and Darcy Orchestra. Admission Gents, 50c. ladies free. Good time for all. Supper 25c. Come one come all.

Shooting Notices.

We have a lot of notices to hunters printed on cloth which we are selling quite reasonable.

Mrs. Dr. Walliser returned home Wednesday after an absence of several days.

Sonoma Loses A Good Citizen.

A. H. Chessmore and wife left Wedneseay morning for Medford Oregon, where they go to make their future home. Before going Mr. Chessmore purchased some residence property formerly owned by Rev. E. E. Thompson of this place.

With the departure of Mr. Chessmore, Sonoma loses one of her most active citizens, he having been editor of THE SONOMA NEWS for the past two years has successfully conducted the paper up to two weeks ago, when we came into posession. The paper was yet quite young when he took charge, and through his untiring efforts he has made the paper what it is today. Mr. Chessmore came to this part of the country from Kansas about four years ago and lived near El Verano where he was for a short time engaged in the chicken business.

Through our loss Medford will gain a good, sober and industrious citizen for which she is to be congratulated.

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Friday and Saturday Evenings, December 16th and 17th,

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Living Pictures.....Old Time Gossip
.....Success of a Long Argument
.....One of Dante's Family
Vocal solo.....
Alice M. Armstrong. San Francisco.
Recitation.....A Minister's Grievance
Lydia D. Jacob.
Vocal Solo.....
Alice M. Armstrong.
Violin Solo....Hommage A' L'Anitio Ch. Daucla
Miss Blanche L. Walker, Oakland.
Instrumental Duet.....
Walker Sisters.
Violin Solo.....Mazurka de. Concert
Miss Blache L. Walker.
Piano Solo.....Balero Ravina
Miss Mabel Walker

Members of the league, J. P. Weems, Steve. Akers, Ira Hull and others will appear in the living pictures. Miss Susie Shaw will appear as one of the accompanists. The above are the positive promises for help in the entertainments, while the partial promises to be added are Dr. Perkins, of Petaluma, Mrs. Hurd, of San Francisco, and Miss Harrison, of Alameda.

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THE SLOOP CUP.

HERE were only two days remain- before the Bay-head regatta, and up to 3 o'clock, Thursday afternoon the one rival to Dave Garrison's "Fleetwing," that every one wanted to see, had not yet registered at the Yacht Club.

Naturally the bunch of fellows lounging on the pier head Friday morning and lazily criticising the regatta fleet as it swung at anchor, burst into interested comment as a long slim boat slid past them down the harbor and stood out before the heavy wind under full canvas.

"Hello! that's Thorne's boat now, isn't it?" exclaimed Joe Scott, dropping from his seat on the rail and hurrying over to the other side of the pier, with the boys at his heels. "Yes, there's her name, 'Conquerer.' She must have come in last night. I didn't know her at first; look at the big topsail he's got on her."

"She's been made over for this race. I tell you, it'll take hot work for even the 'Fleetwing' to beat her now."

"I wonder what Dave 'll say when he hears that his beloved rival is here."

"Here comes Dave now."

"Whoop! Hello! Heard the news?" roared the half dozen voices that had been disputing as a white hat came slowly down the wharf.

"What's the row?" asked the newcomer, calmly taking a seat on the rail beside Joe. "Anything fatal happened in the last ten minutes?"

"Thorne's here with a new set of sails on the 'Conqueror,'" blurted out Joe, who never could keep anything long.

"Thorne!" interrupted Dave, a black look on his good-natured face. "So he's come after all."

"Hasn't he, though; it will take your prettiest sailing to show him your stern."

"If I decide to race him," answered Dave, slowly watching the boat as it dwindled oceanward.

"Nonsense, Davie!" "The idea, old fellow." "Goodness sake, man, you wouldn't drop out for that," argued every one at once while Joe, who was Dave's particular chum, and dared anything, added: "Then you'll let Thorne take the cup? Your two are the fastest boats in the class."

Dave said nothing, but his mouth narrowed to the long, thin line the boys knew so well.

Ever since the two had been old enough to have boats, there had been a rivalry growing up between them, slowly changing their friendship to enmity, and ending the year before in accusation and open distrust.

"I'd rather have him take the cup than think I wanted it bad enough to race him for it," said Dave, shortly.

"Oh, fudge, then he'll think you're afraid of him," laughed Joe, throwing his arm over Dave's shoulder. "What you want to do is to go in and beat him clean out of his boots; take a little more ballast if it's too windy and show him the way home."

"Maybe," answered the other, a far-away look in his quiet blue eyes. "I suppose it is the only fair thing to do," he said to himself as he walked home. "Better race and have it over. I only hope this wind will shift before to-morrow." And he glanced toward the northwest, whence a merry gale piped along.

For with all her virtues the "Fleetwing" could not make time in a stiff breeze. She could beat anything in a light southwester with Dave at the helm, for no man could sail a boat as craftily as he.

Sidney Thorne knew Dave's skill and the "Fleetwing's" powers, too, and he hoped as earnestly for a "reefing gale" as Dave prayed for a catspaw breeze, with better luck, unhappily for Dave.

"I'm afraid we're going to get more of this," said Joe Scott, anxiously, as he stood on the "Fleetwing's" deck Saturday morning and felt the puffy north wind that rolled the little sloop heavily in the trough of the waves.

"It will be dirty work getting round the 'pudding stone reef' in this choppy sea."

"If we can make the first leg on this breeze, I'll have the wind behind me on the next, and it's only a short beat home from the second buoy," answered Dave, with a sort of nervous quietness. "Hurry up there, Joe, I never saw you take so long."

"Here, belay that, and stop your fussing," retorted Joe, throwing down a rope. "You can't race this race alone; I heard Thorne saying that as this wind would hold there was no hurry about starting."

The hard look on Dave's face deepened as he went on with his work. So busy were the two boys in talking that they did not hear their names called by childish voices, nor see a skiff that was paddled past them by unskillful little hands.

"Thorne isn't going to have an easy time taking care of that topsail of his," remarked Joe, looking up from the halyard he was hauling in.

"Say, Joe, let Thorne take care of himself; we've got all we can do to manage right here; just run forrard and keep her off the pier, will you?" answered Dave, in a tone that made his mate lift his eyebrows and whistle silently.

"Funny how mad fighting will make a man," he said to himself, as Dave snapped out orders to the boys as they tumbled on board from the pier where they had been waiting.

Dave was in a fighting mood. He felt his boat tugging to get away, and he saw the "Conqueror" wiggling along behind him as Thorne tried to get to windward at the starting line. "Joe," he ordered quickly, "I'm going to gybe up on the windward of Thorne; be ready with the sheet. You fellows ballast her now. All ready. It's going to be close sailing all the way," he said to himself, as one after another the boats slid over the line, "Conqueror" and "Fleetwing" side by side.

Closer sailing than he thought even. In spite of the "Fleetwing's" promising start and the master hand on her wheel, the lee rail sank under water and the white sails, swelling like a swan's breast, strained in vain to keep ahead of the black-hulled boat that was using all the wind its sails could find.

Joe looked at the long ripple of water swirling continuously over the rail and shook his head. "It's not our fault, Davie, we can't run against the weather, old fellow," he said, gently, knowing his captain's thoughts.

They were all silent as the bigger boat tore along beside them, the sea snoring heavily under her prow like the deep laugh of a sea creature. It would mean so much to win that race. Both boys felt that more depended on it than they had thought—whoever won the cup won something else with it. And somehow Dave couldn't help feeling that Thorne would do anything rather than be defeated. "Just see if he doesn't do something queer before this is over," he thought as they swept on over the rolling, windy sea. "Just wait, though, until I get around that first buoy with the wind behind me. I've a chance yet, and it's changing to the east already."

Poor Dave, not a great chance. Even after they had started on that long second leg, where he had trusted to do so much, luck was against him. The northeast wind was as fierce as ever, and still the "Conqueror" gained. Dave would not look at her. He stared fiercely at the great curving sails above him, swollen and stiff with wind, the mast creaking and straining as the little vessel staggered bravely on under her heavy load. Dave's nails were white with the grip of his hands on the wheel.

And the "Conqueror's" tiller never wavered in Thorne's hard grasp. His eye on the luff of the sail, his breath coming short and hard, every thought

A FAINT CRY CAME TO THORNE.

hurled forward with his flying boat, he was making up for the failure of last year—he would win this time beyond doubt or disbelief. Already the tide in the "pudding stones" was shouting victory in his ears. He laughed to it, and a voice came crying back. Thorne looked around. He wondered if any of the other boys had heard it.

The wind had veered into the east and was piling up the waves so that the "crew" who lay for ballast along the starboard rail caught a glimpse now and then of the "Fleetwing" staggering on behind. They saw and heard nothing else.

Again that faint call came to Thorne like the voice in the ripple of water. He bent and looked under the boom. Something was dancing toward the fatal current round the "pudding stones." Dancing like a thoughtless child. A wave lifted it nearer. It was a skiff and a bit of white stuff fluttered from the bow. Well, many boats came out to sea, why should Thorne notice this. Yes, many boats came—but not so far—not skiffs—not with something white flying from the prow in terrified signal of distress—surely not with frightened cries for help—for "mamma" and "papa." But why should Thorne stop to help. Dave was close behind him, so close that if he changed his course now enough to rescue the little skiff, he would be too late by the time he had come back and rounded the "pudding stone" buoy on the starboard side. Dave would have passed him.

A wave tossed the little craft on its crest—another, and another, each wave nearer to the whirl of water over the rocks. Thorne could see the spindle on the crag standing like a warning finger. It was time to tack out around it and start on the last leg home. Again came that frightened, sobbing cry, so hopeless and so lost. Thorne looked at his crew.

"I say, Thorne, the 'Fleetwing' seems to be gaining," called little Harley. "We can't be losing now, eh?"

Thorne's hand trembled on the wheel. The rudder swayed. Slowly the shadow of the sail swung round over its captain. With a cry of amazement the boys flung themselves into the lockpit. "What on earth, Thorne; there's the buoy on the port hand——"

Thorne nodded to the drifting boat, already circling in the edge of the whirlpool.

"Get the boat hook, Harley, quick. Ease her off, Bob; there she comes, now then, that's it. There's no hurry, Harley, we can't win. Thank God, we saw them in time."

"Never mind, then, they'll find out who's won," he added, quietly, as a long faint shout from the baffled "Fleetwing" warned them that their course was seen.

For as Joe eased the sheets to go about he saw the "Conqueror" headed home, but with the pudding stone spindle on the wrong side, and he said in a puzzled way: "Do look at Thorne, will you; isn't he inside the mark?"

"By Jove, so he is," shouted Joe angrily. "Call him, boys, let him know we've seen him cheating."

"Never mind, never mind," cried Dave, "wait until we get home, the cheat. We'll settle with him then." Dave's heart swelled as he saw the hated black hull, its huge canvas taut, ripping through the rough sea as though it cared not a stroke for honor. "Coward!" groaned Dave.

What a long hour that was. "But the race is mine," said Dave, "Mine, mine, mine!" He repeated it over and over, as he heard the far-off clamor of whistles and bells and horns when the "Conqueror" crossed the line.

The angry blood flooded his cheeks and shook his voice as he touched the pier. For even his father and mother were there holding Thorne's hands and laughing ecstatically. And his two little sisters all wet and tumbled laughing in his mother's arms. Dave could hardly wait to touch the dock, but sprang ashore. "Father, mother, do you know what he did——"

"Oh, Dave, did you see it, too; how can we ever thank him. If it had not been for him, if he had not been there just at that moment, Dick says that he and Mary would have been drowned. Oh, I can't think of it; such a narrow escape. And Mr. Thorne lost the race, too. It was too late to go back then."

As Dave understood he held out his hand. "You've won the cup," he said, swiftly. "Thorne, I'm mighty glad, old fellow."

"Not I," laughed Thorne; "it's yours, of course."

So that is why there are two names on the sloop cup, instead of one, and why it stands on the mantel in the club house; it's proudest trophy.—New York Ledger.

FIGHT WITH A FISH.

Monster Tuna Landed After a Contest Lasting Four Hours.

Prof. Charles F. Holder, the naturalist and author, describes how he caught what he believes to be the largest tuna ever taken with rod and reel. It was early morning, outside of Avalon Bay, Catalina Island, when he got a strike which threw the heavy flying fish bait which he was trolling far up the line. "Then," says the professor, "the magnificent fish came boiling along the surface, throwing the foam high in the air, in a manner that has given some anglers here the 'buck fever.' Fortunately I hooked the fish, and its first rush took about 400 feet of line screaming and hissing from the reel, and had not the heavy brake been soaked the line would have burnt off at once. I succeeded in turning the fish, which then came in on me, with the greatest velocity.

"I had managed to reel in the slack, and when the fish reached within twenty feet of the boat it turned and was away again, taking 500 feet of the thread of a line. Again I turned it, and again it came in at me. Turning once more, the fish dashed away, towing the heavy boat a mile out to sea at a rapid rate. Finally I turned it, and, after a superb play on the surface, circling the boat, it turned and towed us a mile inshore, so near the rocks that I thought we should lose it in the kelp.

"Here the fish fought me for nearly three hours, rushing in and out, plunging down into the blue channel, circling around, darting away, and then coming at me from unexpected points, showing the most remarkable cunning I have ever observed in many years' experience in rod and reel fishing.

"At 9:30, after I had played the tuna three hours, I turned it after one of its rushes, when it gathered its energies and headed for Avalon, making a single run of six miles, and at just 10:30 a. m. I stopped it in front of the Hotel Metropole, where it gave a wonderful exhibition while surrounded by the launches of several friends who came out to see the finish. The tuna was, so far as I could judge, stronger than ever, yet it had towed the boat against the oars of my boatman at least eight miles.

"A heavy sea had picked up and threatened the boat, but this was forgotten, and at the supreme moment my boatman slipped the gaff under the fish and it was ours (?)—not yet—the gaff went to pieces and the fish got away 100 feet again. I reeled it in; this time a big gaff was hooked into it, and, with a cheer, the monster fish was slid into the boat, almost capsizing it.

"The tuna weighed 183 pounds. Its length was six feet two inches, girth four feet, and the catch gives to California the hardest fighting game fish in the world with rod and reel."

Six Senses.

One of the greatest discoveries of physiology is that we once had six senses. What the lost sense was no one knows, and probably no one will ever know. But that our forefathers possessed it there is no doubt, for the remains of that part of the brain in which it resided are still to be seen in any one of us.

These remains are simply a small and now perfectly useless little mass of brain substance, called the "pituitary body." It consists of two tiny little oval lobes joined together, and lying in a little cavity of the skull, strangely named the sella turcica, and situated over and behind the nose.

It is quite possible that it may have enabled our forefathers to see in the dark before lamps and candles were invented, or it may have placed them in communion with ghosts and fairies, or it may have been an organ that enabled them to go home in a bee line when they lost their way in the primeval forests.

On the other hand, it is possible that it was a bad substitute for vision or smell or hearing, and died out when the improved sense organ developed.

The Dog Began the Trouble.

Ole Hanson had trouble with a bellicose dog belonging to his neighbor—a Russian by the name of Havva Drenkovitskey. The Swede shot the dog as soon as he discovered that he was not friendly to him, and the sequel found him in a justice's court.

When Ole was propounded interrogatories by the attorney for the prosecution, he evidenced a sense of justice in framing replies that is rarely witnessed. "What sort of a gun did you have, Mr. Hanson?" inquired the attorney. "Es var two-hole shotgun." "Don't you think you could have scared him away?" "Aye might ef aye had not bane scare so lak deckens maesal." "Why didn't you take the other end of the gun and scare him away?" "Val, master lawyer, vy dedn' de dog com for mae oder end first ef hae vant to hav mae do det vay vid him vid de gun?"

Some Egg Statistics.

Secretary Wilson, of the National Department of Agriculture, estimates that the annual egg product of the United States amounts to 850,000,000 dozen. Placed end to end, they would girt the earth twelve times at the equator and still leave enough to exercise a proper restraint upon one-night barnstormers.

It Was Only a Cameo.

"What a beautiful pin, Mrs. Stripes. Is it an heirloom?"

"Oh, no; it's just a cameo."

THEY WANT TO TELL

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 258 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. AMOS TROMBLEAY, Ellenburgh Ctr., N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

Incorrigible.

A poor little street Arab was brought into a hospital by the police. He had been run over by an omnibus and was badly injured. The chaplain was sent for, as it was thought improbable that the boy would live many hours. With little tact the chaplain began the interview thus: "My boy, the doctors think you are very much hurt. Have you been a good little boy?"

Boy (much bored)—You git aout!

Chaplain (shocked)—But I am afraid you are not a good little boy, and you know you may perhaps be going to die.

Boy (anxious to end the interview)—Well, tain't none o' your business anyow. Wot's me death got to do with you? 'Ave you got a pal in the corffin line?

It is pleasant to be able to relate that the boy finally recovered.

Now and then the doctor is believed to be almost omniscient. A patient in a military hospital was constantly getting into hot water because he smuggled food into the wards. One morning his medical officer was about to examine his throat with a laryngoscope. Seeing the little mirror all ready for use the man's chum whispered an anxious warning from the adjoining bed. "I say, Bill, you'd best 'ave a care. 'Ee moight 'appen to see wot yer 'ad for supper lawst noight."—Cornhill Magazine.

Could Sleep at Will.

A friend of the late Dr. William Pepper of Philadelphia tells how he could go to sleep at will. "Will you excuse me, Mrs. ——?" he would say sometimes. "I could talk with you much more satisfactorily if I had a few minutes' nap. Jane, make Mrs. —— comfortable and wake me in ten minutes."

Outside the office would be crowded with people waiting to see him—about the Philadelphia museums, the University of Pennsylvania, the public libraries, or about their health, but he would go into his own room behind the office, would stretch out on the lounge, throw a rug over his knees and closing his eyes would be asleep at once. Ten minutes later he would be roused by his servant and would at once resume his conversation with the patient at the point at which it had been dropped. He would sleep in his carriage as he was driven from one appointment to another. He would sleep in a train, in a strange parlor or library, in private or in public, absolutely indifferent to comment.

School Holidays In France.

Two hundred and six holidays in the year, as against 159 school days! That's the record of public instruction in France. To begin with, there is the regular midsummer holiday, which covers a period of 64 days. That's pretty good for a starter. Then there are the Sundays. They are holidays of course everywhere, but they count an additional 52 days. Then ten days are allowed for the proper celebration of Christmas and New Year's. To be thoroughly observant of the great feast of Eastertide 15 days are given. Thursdays are holidays, and that means 52 more days of no labor. All Saints' comes in for three days' holiday, St. Charlemagne two days, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday two days, Whitsuntide three days, and three days to make merry when the national fete in July rolls round. The rest of the year the children are supposed to study.—Philadelphia Ledger.

World's Largest Workhouse.

The largest workhouse in the world is at Liverpool, where the workhouse has accommodation for no fewer than 5,000 inmates. It is not, however, often filled, as only half of its many dormitories are occupied by the permanent pauper residents. There are occasions, such as a labor strike, if long continued, which cause it to fill up rapidly, and then it proves none too big for the requirements of the union. Liverpool has a large number of poor, but it is specially munificent in its charities. Of these the chief are the Bluecoat hospital, maintaining and educating 350 children; the Orphan asylum, the Seamen's Orphan asylum in Newsham park, containing about 400 boys and an equal number of girls; schools for the blind and the deaf and dumb, industrial schools, and a number of hospitals.—London Tit-Bits.

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Stranger Than Fiction.

The limits of probability have lately been puzzling a London police magistrate. The origin of his perplexity, as given by the Illustrated London News, is this:

A young domestic servant tried to cash one or two forged checks and was arrested in the attempt. She said "a gentleman" gave them to her—a "Mr. Gilbert," whose whereabouts nobody could trace. That story has been told too often to impress a jury—no juryman likes to be made a laughing stock—but before a verdict of "guilty" could be given a man fell down dead in the streets. He was recognized as "the gentleman" by the accused woman, and, sure enough, in his pocket were found other forged checks similar to those she had attempted to put into circulation. Even Mr. Lane, Q. C., may be persuaded that truth really is stranger than fiction.

Benefit of Peerage.

Every one may not know what the term "benefit of peerage" implies. A peer can demand a private audience of the sovereign to represent his views on matters of public welfare. For treason or felony he can demand to be tried by his peers. He cannot be outlawed in any civil action, nor can he be arrested unless for an indictable offense, and he is exempt from serving on juries. He may sit with his hat on in courts of justice, and should he be liable to the last penalty of the law he can demand a silken cord instead of a hempen rope.

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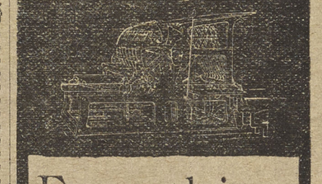

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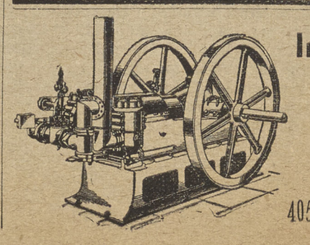

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